

ER 8-7059

OGC Has Reviewed

12 October 1956

MEMORANDUM FOR: General Counsel

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SUBJECT: Possible Conflict of Interest - [REDACTED]
Executive, OCR

25X1A5a1 1. OCR contemplates the employment as consultants of Messrs.

[REDACTED] of the [REDACTED] 25X1A5a1

to help them in certain planning involving the Library setup in the new building. These gentlemen are recognized authorities in this field with absolutely top notch reputations. I have attached a record of their background and experience. Their selection was to some extent due to the suggestions of [REDACTED] 25X1A9a

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[REDACTED] Executive, OCR, who is himself a trained librarian.

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2. About two years ago [REDACTED], in conjunction with the brother of the above [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] formed a partnership to start a [REDACTED] which in essence

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is a placement service to which libraries and individuals may subscribe. They issue a publication, a copy of which is attached.

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[REDACTED] entrance into this outside activity was approved by the Office of Security in August 1954 provided that the Director of Personnel and Legal Counsel reacted favorably. The Office of

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Personnel approved the activity in Sept. 1954 with the recommendation that [REDACTED] should not recommend prospects for Agency

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employment. The Legal Counsel on 29 Oct. 1954 stated that it did not "perceive any conflict of interest in the contemplated activity." (Incidentally, the [REDACTED] was started with Mr.

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[REDACTED] and Mr. [REDACTED] each contributing \$700 capital and at present each nets approximately \$50 a month.) 25X1A5a1

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3. The question has arisen whether the employment of Mr.

[REDACTED] on a consultant basis to OCR would represent any possible conflict of interest owing to his brother's

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connection with [REDACTED] in the [REDACTED]

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This Office does not see that such conflict would ensue but

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would like to have the opinion of your office. The employment of Mr. [REDACTED] cannot in any way redound to the

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personal advantage of [REDACTED] has

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subscribed to the [REDACTED] but did so well before the contemplated consultantship.

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